



Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Monday, January 25, 2010

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, January 25, 2010. The meeting began at 6:02 p.m. and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Olson, Hunt and O'Connor were present. Directors Farley and Denholm were excused. Also attending was Superintendent Tom Rockefeller, Assistant Superintendent Dan Butler and Executive Directors Ralph Thayer, Kelly Shea and Wayne Leonard.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director O'Connor requested that Item V. Reorganization of the Board of Directors, and Item X. Executive Session, be removed from the agenda until all Directors can be present to participate. Director Hunt made a motion to approve the agenda, as modified. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

Director Hunt made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 11, 2009, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Proclamation – Board of Directors Recognition

Superintendent Tom Rockefeller read the School Board Recognition Proclamation from Governor Gregoire and thanked the Board of Directors for their dedication and commitment to students, staff and community.

Mead High School and Mt. Spokane High School ASB officers prepared “Thank You” banners and a plate of home baked cookies, honoring the Board for their hard work and commitment to the students of Mead School District.

IV. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

Mt. Spokane High School ASB President, Taylor Jordan introduced the newly elected ASB officers:

- President: Brock LaBenne
- Vice President : Jake DePledge
- Treasurer: Eli Deitz
- Secretary: Alex Anderson
- Public Relations: Chris Hansen

Mead High School ASB Co-Presidents Damiano Seghetti and Jill Pecka jointly introduced the newly elected ASB officers:

- President - Garrett White
- Vice President - Shane Kuykendall
- Treasurer - Tyler Friend
- Secretary - Hale Bjerkestrand
- Public Relations - Lyndsay Stapleton
- Seargent of Arms - Ryan Malmoe

MEA President Jocelyn Merhab invited the Board to participate in a donation drive to help emigrants from Nepal who have relocated to the Spokane area and need gently used household items.

Executive Director Wayne Leonard announced that an anonymous donor gave \$20,000 donation to a scholarship fund for extracurricular activities.

V. Council for Learning Improvement Annual Reports

Elementary Education Director Dorcas Wylder reviewed for the Board the Council for Learning Improvement Reports that are prepared by each school in a process used to answer questions as they work toward greater student achievement. This annual report is a requirement of Policy 4010, Councils for Learning Improvement. This was an informational report. No action was taken.

VI. Continuing Business

A. Facility Planning Committee Final Report

Facility Planning Director John Dormaier reviewed the final summary report as recommended by the Facilities Planning Committee. Committee Chair, Brent Anyan, spoke briefly on behalf of the committee and explained the process the committee took in preparing this recommendation to the Board. Mr. Anyan reviewed the priority projects to be included in a bond proposal. Committee Co-Chair spoke briefly about district needs in the area of technology and property acquisition. Mr. Wendle also shared the committee's suggestion to further study the Mead Support Services building. John Dormaier concluded the presentation by sharing that this planning cycle recommendation would complete all the projects on the list of needs, keeping the tax rate at or below the current rate. The Board members expressed their thanks and appreciation for the commitment and hard work done by this committee. This was an informational report. No action was taken.

B. Second Reading Revision of Policy 6511 - Employee Safety Program And Policy 6896 - Chemical Hazard Program

Executive Director Wayne Leonard reviewed proposed policy revisions that would update standard practices in the district, correct certain WAC numbers and renumber the policies to align with WSSDA.

Director Hunt made a motion to adopt the revision of Policy 6511 - Employee Safety Program and Policy 6896 - Chemical Hazard Program, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

Director Olson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Principal Association Bargaining Agreement

Executive Director Kelly Shea reviewed the bargaining agreement between the Principals Association and the school district for the 2009-2010 school year.

Director Hunt made a motion to approve the Principal Association Bargaining Agreement, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. School Improvement Plan Evergreen Elementary School

Elementary Education Director Dorcas Wylder reviewed the year-long planning and preparation process Evergreen Elementary staff members have been working on to satisfy AYP requirements to complete their School Improvement Plan.

Director Olson made a motion to approve the School Improvement Plan and the on-going process to satisfy AYP requirements, as presented. Director Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Student Travel Request – Mt. Spokane High School Band

Executive Director Ralph Thayer reviewed the Mt. Spokane High School Band's request for approval to travel to Reno, Nevada, to participate in the Reno Jazz Festival. scheduled for April 22 - 26, 2010.

Director Hunt made a motion to approve Mt. Spokane High School Band's request for approval to travel to Reno, Nevada, to participate in the Reno Jazz Festival. scheduled for April 22 - 26, 2010, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Reports

A. Mead School District Librarians Report

Mead School District Librarians Julie Bohman and Trish Henry gave a report on the use of resources in Mead libraries and the effectiveness of teaching during library time so that students have the best research options available to build reading and research sNancy Phillips created a short video of students in all grade enjoying library learning. Connie Ramsey commented briefly on the value of literacy and working with librarians and teachers in preparing students for future success.

B. Financial Report for the Month of December 2009

Executive Director Wayne Leonard presented a brief report on the financial report for the month of December 2009. Mr. Leonard indicated the year-to-date revenues for December were 31.61% and expenditures were 33.19% of budget projections. Mr. Leonard also indicated that the net cash and investment balance was \$1,036,191. This was an informational report. No action was taken.

C. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Tom Rockefeller reviewed the Mead High School Panther Post student newspaper, various letters and articles of interest to the Board.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 7:15 p.m.